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## LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE

Short Services Held at Five O'clock--Church's Ritual Services Used.

From Monday's Timesett.

At five o'clock the services for the formal laying of the corner stone for the First Methodist church were held. The church is situated at the corner of Lincoln and East Third street. The services were in charge of A. S. Freed, superintendent of the Independence District, and Rev. J. R. McFadden, the local pastor.

Owing to the fact that it was known only a few hours that it would be possible to have any ceremonies in regard to the laying of the corner stone no formal address was made. The church's ritual was used instead of an address.

The pastors and members of other churches were invited to take part in the services. Those who did were L. G. Fourier, Rector of Grace Episcopal church, R. N. Allen, W. W. Searcy, pastor of Baptist church, and H. L. Snyder, pastor of the United Brethren church.

After a few words by the pastor, the old familiar hymn Rock of Ages was sung by the audience, and was followed by a prayer by L. G. Fourier. Rev. H. L. Snyder read a Scripture lesson from the Old Testament and W. W. Searcy from the New.

The service of Consecration was read by District Superintendent A. S. Freed.

It is always customary at the laying of a cornerstone to store away in it a number of articles. Those which are to be preserved in the cornerstone of the Methodist church are:

LIST OF ARTICLES IN CORNER STONE.

Copy of the Holy Scriptures.

Church Hymnal.

Book of Discipline.

Conference Year Book.

Copy of New York Advocate, the official paper of Methodism of America.

Copy of Central Christian Advocate, official paper of this Conference.

Copy of the Epworth Herald, young peoples official paper.

Copy of the Tribune and Timesett for August 24th.

Pictures of the churches of the city, the Public Library and High School buildings.

Small coins in circulation, and Postage Stamps current.

A list of the Official Members of the Church, of the Building and Finance Committees, the Architect, and Contractors.

The head mason then placed them all in the cornerstone, and this ceremony was followed by a selection from the male quartette which was composed of T. A. Jeffers, T. R. Edwards, C. C. Martin and L. B. Keifer. The Lords prayer was then repeated by the audience and the services closed by Rev. A. S. Freed pronouncing the benediction.

The cornerstone itself was presented to the church by I. F. Romberger and is one the Methodist congregation is very much pleased with. The stone is on the south west corner of the church and faces west. On it is inscribed "First Methodist Church, 1870, 1899, 1912." The dates are those of previous layings of cornerstones for this church. The first church was built in 1870 but burned down and was rebuilt in 1899. This time the remodeling of the church was made necessary by the needs of the large congregation. The church when finished will be one of the

largest churches in the South Kansas Conference.

The plans are for the Dedication the second Sunday in December, Bishop Shepherd of Kansas City has been secured for that service. The seating capacity of the new structure will be about 1500 of the main Auditorium and Sunday School Addition. The edifice when completed will be one of the best churches in the conference for the practical work of the church and Sunday School.

## JUMPED FROM EAST BRIDGE

Justice James did a spectacular stunt Sunday evening about six o'clock by diving from the east bridge into ten feet of water. The distance from the water to the bridge is estimated from thirty to forty feet and Mr. James is the first amateur river who has ever attempted it. While Mr. James performed the feat successfully two times Sunday, it is hardly possible that it will be repeated very soon from the fact that it is a performance fraught with danger. Mr. James struck the water head first then immediately dipped and came to the surface. However, the momentum was so great that he continued on to the bottom of the stream feet foremost, immediately coming to the surface where he received the applause of the onlookers.

## HORSE KICKED BOY

John Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Park Myers who live out towards Vitas was kicked on the head by a horse early Sunday morning and suffered fracture of the skull. The boy was sent out to drive up the horses from the pasture Sunday morning and he did not return at the time the family thought he should so they started out to look for him. He was found in the pasture partially unconscious and remained that way until early this morning. He was brought to town and his condition is considered very serious. It was necessary to trephine the skull. A portion of the skull as large as a dollar was raised off of the brain where it had been resting. The horse's hoof struck him a little to the side and back of the forehead.

## ALLEY DISPENSER

Though the setting of the scene might not have been all that could have been wished for in the way of cleanliness, coolness and convenience, the buffet run by a couple of young fellows in the alley south of Main between Central and Evergreen must have been doing a rushing business in malt, beer and that line of goods until the police unfeelingly raided it and now the proprietors are taking a rest in jail. The two, Roy Davidson and Fred Edmonds were arrested and put in jail Sunday night. They appeared in police court this morning plead guilty of having dealings with wet goods but could not produce the five the judge assessed.

They were then told that they were wanted in Justice F. M. Groom's court and to that place they accordingly went. Here they had to face a charge of bootlegging. Each entered the plea "Not guilty" and the case was continued until Wednesday at two o'clock. Bail of three hundred dollars was asked for but was not secured and the two were committed to jail again.

## Goes to County Farm

Bessie Marlott who attempted to commit suicide last Sunday night is to be taken to the county farm near Erie.

Judge Cain was up Tuesday to make an investigation into the woman's sanity. It was decided that since she had no means of support she would be taken to the county farm. Her six year old boy is at the children's home on South Central now, but is probable that other arrangements will be made in regard to him later.

## CIRCUS DAY ALMOST HERE

In spite of the annual and more frequent occurrence of "circus day," the majority of the people of this city are always ready to welcome the white tents and red wagons. Now that the date fixed for the appearance of the Hagenbeck-Wallace Combined Shows is almost here, the interest is becoming acute and thousands of people are planning to visit the show Tuesday September 3.

There are people who really object to the coming of a circus, especially one of the magnitude of the Hagenbeck-Wallace Shows, because of the tendency of the average citizen and countryman to make it a holiday. Such people, however, are born pessimists and undesirable citizens and should be suppressed. They forget that, while they may be able to attend and enjoy the theatre every week, most of those who attend a circus are able to do so about once or twice a year. The latter is the amusement of all classes of people, because it is a bargain counter of amusements. Nowhere else can so much be seen for the same enthusiasm as in the circus throngs. This city is not immune from the circus fever, and especially is this true when the attraction has the magnetic drawing qualities of the Hagenbeck-Wallace shows. They are without question in a class by themselves; no other tented enterprises can offer such a varied and interesting program of novelties or display such a collection of trained wild animals as will be seen here under the tents of the Hagenbeck-Wallace Combined Shows.

The people of almost every country under the sun know what to expect when the name of Carl Hagenbeck is mentioned, and this is equally true of the "Great Wallace Shows." With these two organizations combined, the public will welcome "circus day" in a manner which will sustain the reputation of Chautauque as being the cracker-jack show town of the state.

## AVERAGING MACHINE GIVES NO FAVORS

There are several hundred gas charts for the city to figure every month, so the commissioners have purchased an averaging machine in order that the charts could be measured accurately and quickly. These charts are so arranged that the number of pounds pressure is registered by a red line and the charts are divided into twenty four parts, one for each hour of the day. The average pressure for the day is found by finding the average of the number of pounds registered during each of the twenty four hours. This was quite a task and especially when the line was ragged and not very accurate. When properly handled this machine gives absolutely the correct number of pounds of pressure.

In a case of figuring up accounts, whether they be charts or something else, in case of doubt, it is always the tendency to favor "the other fellow." In many cases when there was doubt the advantage was given to the ones from whom gas was purchased.

The owner of the gas well must have noticed that his bill was smaller by a little when the machine was put in use for he spoke to the clerical force about it.

The evidence of the automatic averaging machine was indisputable, however, and the average is now believed in by him as well as by the commissioners.

## Harmonious Meeting

The state council meeting of the Democratic party was held in Topeka this week. In spite of the extreme heat the meeting was a good one. It was one of harmony and good feeling throughout.

H. S. Martin of Marian was chosen chairman of the state committee and W. H. Pepperell of Concordia, secretary.

Constable J. N. Carter, who has been on the sick list for some time, remains quite ill.

## CONVENTION AT EARLTON

Monday was the first day of the annual convention of the Sunday schools of the county which is being held in Earlton. The attendance was quite large. The meetings are being held in the Methodist church and began at two o'clock. There was also another session at eight o'clock in the evening.

Rev. J. R. Chambers is president of the county association, Rev. E. B. Brown vice president, and Mrs. Charles Smith secretary. B. H. Clark, R. W. Mead and J. A. Alleman are the members of the executive committee.

The following program was given Monday:

Monday Afternoon

2:00 Praise Service, Rev. W. S. Howell.

2:15 Roll call.

2:45 "The Needs and Benefits of Mission Work"—Miss Blanch Freeman.

3:15 "Elementary Work"—Miss Helen M. Hart.

3:45 Consultation and Assignment of Delegates.

Monday Evening.

8:00 Song Service, conducted by C. C. Martin.

8:15 Address: W. H. Rockefeller.

Appointment of Committees by the President.

There will be two sessions today and this evening's meeting is the closing one of the convention.

## SANITY CASE

From Tuesday's Timesett.

Judge J. F. Cain of Erie will be up today to make an investigation in the case of the sanity of Bessie Marlott, who attempted to commit suicide Sunday night, and at the same time kill her little son. At the time she was drunk but acquaintances believe that she is mentally unsound and for this reason the inquiry into her sanity will be made this afternoon.

Mrs. Marlott is the mother of the child who was killed in a cyclone at Independence this spring and her husband is now in the State penitentiary serving a term for theft.

## TWO TO ONE AGAINST BONDS

A light vote was polled Tuesday in the water bond election. Little interest was taken during the day in regard to the voting and the judges and clerks all had easy days.

This is the second time that a proposition to vote bonds for an improved water system has been turned down. In case there should be a big start and sweep a block or two of Main street buildings away, it is likely that so much trouble would not be experienced in getting a proposition to carry.

Of the 1051 votes polled only 343 were in favor of voting the bonds, and with 708 against them, makes the bonds lose two to one, and little margin over.

The vote by Wards and Precincts was as follows:

	For	Against
First Ward	57	90
Second Ward	76	214
Third Ward	71	187
4th wd, 1st prec.	112	156
4th wd, 2nd prec.	57	61

This shows that in no ward was the vote favorable to the \$75,000 water bond proposition. And that in second precinct of the Fourth ward and in the Second ward, where the extensions were to be made, greater opposition was made than at any other point.

The commissioners feel that they have laid a proposition for extensions fire protection and pure water before the people and have done what they could for the improvement of the water system. More than that they can do nothing except put the old system on a paying basis.

Ally Dickenson and wife have returned from a vacation trip in Colorado.

## LOCAL

From Tuesday's Timesett.

E. S. Grant of Erie is in town to stay for a few weeks. Mrs. Grant is expected up in a few days. Mr. Grant is Republican candidate for County Attorney of Neosho county against Ross B. Smith the Democrat nominee, and is in town getting acquainted with the voters.

Velma, the nine months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Perry died last night at 7:30 o'clock. The funeral will be held from the house on North Steuben at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Miss Emma Goss returned to Iola Monday noon after visiting Miss Jewel Powers.

Mr. A. S. Young and wife and Miss Helen Colburn of Emporia are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Martin.

Mr. G. F. Jenkins and wife and Mrs. L. C. Hill returned Monday to Ottawa after a visit with Mr. Harry Jenks and wife.

Miss Francis Bates left Monday for Topeka where she expects to spend several months.

Leland Resler left Monday for Arizona to look for a location. Mr. Resler was graduated from the Kansas University this last spring.

Mrs. Bert Mitchell and two children are visiting Mrs. Mitchell's mother in Benedict.

James Grady returned Monday noon from a house party at Lawrence given by Miss Marguerite and Paul Villipigue. Miss Ada Martin who was also a guest of the Villipigues returned home today.

Leonard McCollum returned Monday from Cherokee and Pittsburg where he spent the week end with relatives and friends.

Leon Hart made his debut in police court this morning when he paid five dollars into the city treasury for speeding his machine on Main street. It was thought that the car was going dangerously fast but was exceeding the Main street limit by a few miles.

F. M. Grooms attended the County Sunday School Convention at Earlton Monday.

Bertha Tomlinson and Maude Simms, Mollie and Mary Carrier and Marian Shaper attended the County Sunday School Convention in Earlton Monday.

Mrs. W. E. Baker of Kansas City has returned home after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. S. E. Wilkinson of Caney who is visiting her mother here went to Caney Monday in company with Mrs. J. D. Bowker to attend the funeral of her sister's child.

Mr. D. A. Parish and family who have been living in Independence left Monday for Denver where they expect to make their home, after visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Johns and Miss Frank Wilson.

## LOWERING WATER LINE

The waterline on South Highland is being lowered preparatory to the paving of South Highland from Tenth to Fourteenth street.

The line is a four inch one. It was laid rather shallow in the first place and since then some dirt has been graded off. Now more will have to come off as soon as the grade for the paving is made and it is necessary to lower the pipe below frost line. Last year this pipe caused the water force more grief than any of the lines in the city as it was continually freezing and bursting, necessitating lots of cold, rough, hard work.

## Death of E. M. Ford

E. M. Ford, Grand Recorder of the A. O. U. W. lodge for many years, died Tuesday night at his home in Emporia. Mr. Ford is loved and respected throughout the Workman world. Several hundred here will regret very much to learn of his death.

## ADVERTISING THE FOUR COUNTY FAIR

Auto Trips, Visiting Towns--Work Commenced on Ground.

Advertising the Four County Fair which is to be held in Chautauque Sept. 10th-13th, is the order of the day. Yesterday W. W. Stanfield and Al Dutch drove Mr. Dutch's motor car to several towns around Chautauque advertising the fair with pole cards, window bills and posters. They visited Earlton, Thayer, Galesburg, Shaw and Erie.

Erie was not reached until nearly nightfall and the advertising matter of the Fair was left in the hands of Grant Hart and E. H. Carville who will see that it is distributed. They received an enthusiastic reception at all of the towns and many say they intend to visit the fair.

Home coming week at Thayer falls on the same date as the fair so that the attendance from that place will necessarily be smaller than it would otherwise be. However, Mr. Stanfield said this morning that a good many were coming any way.

Today Mr. Stanfield and A. J. Allen in Mr. Allen's car, which has been decorated with banners announcing the fair, will start another advertising crusade. They will include Kimball, Stark, Sewardburg, Leona, E. more, Moxie, Lafayette, Gas City, Iola, Humboldt and Portland in their trip.

This morning the Association put a large force of men to work on the Katy City Park in preparation for the fair. Their work includes the building and rebuilding of deplorable barns and dog pens. Tents will be secured for the sheep and cattle display. The horse exhibit is expected to be a good one and many head are already entered. Every thing promises a good display of the other live stock as well.

## UNMUZZLED \$5,000 DOG

A salaried dog for the Oakland automobiles is in town and has a five thousand dollar Boston Terrier with him. The dog has such a short nose that it is next to impossible to muzzle him so doggie Dan gets to stay tied up at the hotel all day for fear of the dog catcher, and finds it pretty hot. Dan weighs about twenty pounds and at that rate dog meat, which would cost \$250 a pound, comes pretty high.

## ARTHUR SECKMAN HURT

Arthur Seckman, who is employed at the cement plant north of town had his leg broken about three o'clock Monday afternoon. He was working and ran through the building and in some manner struck his leg below the knee on some article. It was not known at first whether the leg was broken or not. The large bone in front was the one which was injured. An X-Ray will be made.

## CHILD TO ORPHANAGE

Bessie Marlott's little six year old son was taken Monday to the orphanage in this city after his mother had threatened his life Sunday night. Mrs. Marlott was drunk and threatened to commit suicide and also to kill her little son. The weapon used was an ordinary case knife.

Yesterday afternoon the child was taken to the orphanage and will be kept there for awhile at least. The mother is not at present in any condition to care for the child.

## FREE FROM POLICE COURT

Roy Davidson who was one of the proprietors of the bushel basket lunch room in the alley a few nights ago paid his police court fine Monday afternoon. He is still held, however, on the State case.